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Letter dated 8 March 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Declaration on the Need to End the United States Economic, Trade and Financial Embargo against Cuba, which was adopted at the first Latin American and Caribbean Unity Summit, held in the Mayan Riviera, Mexico, on 22 and 23 February 2010 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 19.

(Signed) Claude **Heller**
Permanent Representative

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Declaration on the Need to End the United States Economic, Trade and Financial Embargo against Cuba

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The Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered at the Unity Summit, expressed their most vigorous rejection of the coercive and unilateral economic sanctions applied for political reasons against sovereign states, and which affect the well-being of their peoples and are conceived to impede them in exercising their rights to decide, on their own terms, their own political, economic and social systems.

In this regard, we reiterate our most vigorous rejection of the legal application of laws and measures contrary to international law, such as the Helms-Burton Law and appeal to the Government of the United States of America to put an end to the application of this law.

We therefore urge the Government of the United States of America, in compliance with the successive agreements approved by the General Assembly, to put an end to the economic, trade and financial embargo against Cuba, which goes against international law, is severely and unjustifiably damaging to the well-being of the Cuban people and affects peace and coexistence among the nations of the Americas.

Mayan Riviera, Mexico
23 February 2010